

COMMONS

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ENGLAND,

In PARLIAMENT Assembled;

The Humble Petition of Thousands Poor, and Perishing Prisoners for Debt, in the Kings-Bench-Prison, and elsewhere,

Sheweth,

THat Your *Petitioners* being Ruin'd in their Estates, by the Hands of the Almighty God, and not by their Extravagances, have long groan'd under sore Imprisonment by the Cruelties of Their inexorable *Creditors*; And, in most Pitiful and Deplorable manner, have languished long, and Thousands of Their Fellows in like condition, have perished round about them for want of Bread; And except Your Honours shall be pleased to give them timely Relief, such of Your *Petitioners* as are not yet dead, must unavoidably, and in a short time perish also; and several of them by unjust, and oppressive *Actions*.

Forasmuch that Your *Petitioners* are willing to make the utmost satisfaction where they stand Indebted, which they are any ways capable of; And to labour what in them can lie to make further satisfaction, if by the Blessing of God and Your Commiseration, they shall be enabled thereunto.

And forasmuch that the Charitable Compassion of all Christian Governments, doth provide against the detaining in Prisons, the Persons of Men in Debt, where the full of their Estates are freely offer'd up to their respective *Creditors*.

Your Petitioners most earnestly, and in all Humility, for the sake of the tender Mercies of the Compassionate Jesus, beseech Your Honours, that a Bill may be brought in, and pass Your Honourable House for the Relief of Your Poor Suppliants, with such effectual Clauses and Provisions as to Your Great Pieties shall seem fit.